

(e) whether it is a fact that the educated unemployed youths are not being benefited by this scheme, if so, the reasons therefor and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Central Government releases the funds for Subsidy as well as for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, etc. The funds for Subsidy are, however, authorised to the Reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiary through the implementing banks and are not released to the States. Funds for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, etc. are released directly to the States/UTs. Rs. 1067.25 lakhs and Rs. 1.26 lakhs were released by the Central Government to Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi respectively for training and Entrepreneurial Development, etc. for the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. These funds are released, in turn, by the State Governments to the respective Districts.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the scheme including the utilisation of funds released to State/ UTs is constantly monitored by the different review Committees at the District, State and Central Levels and also in the monitoring cell constituted in the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.

(e) No, Sir. The educated unemployed youth are getting benefits from the scheme.

Misuse of Funds

3400. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints of non-payments by North-Eastern States to SSI units of funds financed by Government agencies;

(b) whether funds distributed by Government agencies for "scheme of loan for purchase to energy meters" have been misutilised by the State Government of Manipur, and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to protect the interest of these SSI units so as to ensure that funds released by Government agencies are disbursed and their interest is protected as provided in Ancillary industrial Undertakings act, 1998?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Effect of Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty on SSI

3401. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty has greatly affected the Small Scale, Agro and Rural Industries in the border States like Manipur; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to meet the challenge created to these village industries by the products of other countries coming through Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government has not received any complaint either from the Government of Manipur or from the local traders relating to the small scale, agro and rural industries being affected as a result of the Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Treaty.

Quality of Products Produced by SSI

3402. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to improve the quality of products produced by Small Scale, agro and Rural Industries to that of international standard and meet the challenge of WTO;

(b) whether such industries will be given subsidies to market their products in the international market; and

(c) whether such industries will be given training for cost effective methods and procurement of raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Government has put in place several measures